

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Pastor

Deacon Don Brandt

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Permanent Deacon

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Office Manager

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
216-749-1660 | stmschool.com



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JULY 22 -

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 23 -

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00 AM - Marie Smolik

*11:00 AM - Steven Jablonski

MONDAY, JULY 24 -

ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, JULY 25 -

ST. JAMES

6:45 PM - Dario Sauro

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 -

SS. JOACHIM & ANNE

8:15 AM - Louis & Flora Presotto

THURSDAY, JULY 27 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JULY 28 -

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Rev. James J. Vesely

SATURDAY, JULY 29 -

SS. MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

8:15 AM - July Birthdays

*4:30 PM - Jerome Wanchow

SUNDAY, JULY 30 -

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Helen Hanslik

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 16th \$3,291.00

Maintenance \$1,616.50

Student's Weekly Offering (19 Envelopes) \$89.00

Faith Direct as of 7/4 \$5,170.00

Faith Direct Maintenance \$1,613.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Tuesday, July 25

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Pantry Ministry

Thursday, July 27

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

6:30 PM Catholic Summer School - Church

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, July 25th, from 3:30 - 5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register online or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 12:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email infor@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify you, and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time* specifically helps us this week to better explain the times we live in today. But do you reflect on these words being centuries old? That is why we refer to the Bible as the word of God and the LIVING Word of God...

The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the lessons we learn from God directly. Being good and forgiving is what the psalmist sings of in the Lord. St. Paul tells the Romans, and all of us, of the Spirit interceding for us "...according to God's will." Jesus continues in teaching us of the fruitfulness which we are called to in our nature, but Jesus also adds on how we have those weeds among us. The story of the harvest speaks clearly of having the bad weeds growing with us all. Very timely, it can be said for us today. Let's continue to be fruitful and not be weeds.

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

The harvest and fruitfulness of this week is something that we are celebrating with our *special Mass and cook-out*. We are also taking time **to thank all of our grandparents** – **and** even **GREAT-grandparents**... You are blessed enough to see the fruits growing in your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren - but please "do not be hard on yourself" if things aren't as you would like... You continue to love all of your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, we know you do. *Let's keep having fun with it all!* This week we thank you and continue to assure you of all our **prayers** and **gratitude for YOU! Thanks!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Barbara Bonus.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023.



Congratulations to Chelsea & Taylor Chmel who validated their marriage at St. Thomas More on July 11, 2023. May God bless you!



July 29/30

MASS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM	Mary Lou LoBue Sheryl Finohr Jim Higgins David Marks
9:00 AM	Jackie Ans Kathi Van Horn Heather Roberts
11:00 AM	Joyce Stutzman Brandy Emery Bernice Barker

LECTORS

Tim Lozar Stephanie Liebert	Dolores Hules Jeannine Declet	Jeff Stutzman
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SERVERS

Blake Liebert Noah Nguyen	Victor Roberts Holly Roberts	Brendon Kiscoe Jelicia Lopez Dolly Magistro
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Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Marge Babik, Baby Eli, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Lisa Bodnar, Robert Bonus, Jr., Kyle Burgess, Avianna Burgos, Janet Call, Shawn Calvey, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Dolores Dickey, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek & Joel, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Ruth Giaco, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Donna & Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Martha & George Kysil, Al Lada, Shirley M., Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Dreama Mecklenburg, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Marlene Mohnickey, Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, Frank Mosia, Josalynn Murray, Jean Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Annette Pirozek, Monica Puleo, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Irene & Tom Sheridan, Elaine Smet, Margie & Don Spits, Jennifer Stancato, James Strnad, Anthony Tedesco, Sam Urban, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Skip Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Deacon Chuck & Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Dorothy Hoover (mother of Abbot Gary Hoover), Elmer Davtovich, Lois Girardi, Robert Pacanovsky and Joyce Krist in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

VOCATION CORNER

**For all of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary
and for all those in formation**

You can learn more about this order by visiting: www.humilityofmary.org. Please keep the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to PO Box 534, Villa Maria, PA 16155.

SAINT QUOTE

"For they speak of Christ, not that they may preach Christ, but that they may reject Christ; and they speak of the law, not that they may establish the law, but that they may proclaim things contrary to it."

St. Ignatius (1491-1556),
Jesuit, Patron of Soldiers, Educators,
Feast Day: July 31st
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Do you know someone that has expressed an interest in the Catholic Faith? Or perhaps you or someone you know has not received all the Sacraments? We have an app for that! It is called RCIA! Please call the rectory to learn more about entering into the Catholic Faith.

PSR - Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be available soon at the rectory or by contacting psr@stmparish.net.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Confirmation - If you will be in the 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year and are NOT in PSR or the day school, please contact Terri Sozio at psr@stmparish.net.

First Communion - If your child is not enrolled in PSR or the day school and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please email psr@stmparish.net.

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all of those who have donated to our parish in memory of a deceased loved one. We hope you can take comfort in knowing that your donations are used to take care of the parish that your loved one cherished.

A great big thanks to the members of our Ministry of Consolation. What a great comfort they are to our grieving families when they meet with them to plan their loved ones' funeral. They also help families pre-plan funerals as well. We thank you all and are so grateful for all you do!

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY: PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next seminar is on Saturday, August 5th. For more details please call 216-641-7575 ext 3 or email Bob DeJohn at bdejohn@clecem.org.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

SUMMER OF FUN '23

RSVP/REGISTER AT STMPARISH.NET/CALENDAR



Catholic Summer School - The Eucharist

Thursday, July 27, 2023 (6:30pm in Utopia Hall)

Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers).



Catholic Summer School - Questions and Answers

Thursday, August 3, 2023 (6:30pm in Utopia Hall)

Each session will give a basic overview of the topic, provide some simple resources, and allow for questions (and hopefully some answers).



Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Aug. 12 (after 4:30pm Mass) | Sunday, Aug. 13 (after 11am Mass)

Come enjoy some Honey Hut Ice Cream. RSVP requested, but not required.



Back to School Outdoor Mass, Backpack Blessing & Cookout

Sunday, August 27 (11am Mass - Picnic to Follow)

Join us for Mass & a free picnic. RSVP requested, but not required.

We're also looking ahead to the fall & winter months.
Stay tuned to our website calendar - stmparish.net/calendar

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

St. Thomas More School tuition just became more affordable! At the beginning of July, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 33 into law, solidifying an extensive expansion of the Ohio Department of Education's **EdChoice Scholarship Program**. All K-12 students in Ohio now qualify to receive a state-funded scholarship that could cover a portion of, or in some cases, the full cost of Catholic School tuition. Your child's specific EdChoice Scholarship amount depends on your family's size as well as your household's 2022 gross annual income. This amount could be as much as \$6165/year. We have a limited number of openings at each grade level, except first grade which is full. Please contact Mrs. Sarah Schultz, our Admissions Director, to begin the enrollment process. She can be reached at sschultz@stmschool.com or 216.749.1660. We would love to partner with you in your child's education.

ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Join Our Church Community and Make a Difference! Are you looking for an opportunity to serve and make a positive impact in our STM family? Our Athletics Department invites you to join our dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about spreading love, compassion, and faith to our youth. We are seeking volunteers for coaching, site directing, and concessions. Contact us at Athletics@stmparish.net or call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to express your interest and learn more about specific volunteer roles. Remember, volunteering is a fulfilling way to grow spiritually, build relationships, and serve God by serving others. We look forward to welcoming you to our volunteer family and witnessing the positive impact we can make together!

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.

Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way.

Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.



ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

AMISH COUNTRY - Monday, September 11th

Lunch at Berlin Farmstead (included)

Shopping at Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery and Farm Market, Hillcrest Orchard, Kauffman Bakery and Heini's Cheese

\$80/person

Deadline: Monday, August 21st

SENECA NIAGARA CASINO - Overnight stay

Thursday, October 12th

Casino Bonus: \$35 slot play \$15 food credit

SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO - Friday, October 13th

Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play

Deadline: Friday, September 1st

Cost: \$287.00/person (single occupancy)

\$196.00/person (double occupancy)

\$188.00/person (triple occupancy)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN AMISH COUNTRY - Monday, November 13th

\$80/person - Lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant (included)

Deadline: Monday, October 23rd

For reservations or questions, please contact Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123.

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26)

Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Mt 13:30)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work and the community.

Pass on our faith tradition.

Strengthen, love and support all of God's people.

Nurture our gifts and share them with others.

Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.

ROSARY UPDATE

NEW SCHEDULE: FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

WHY: The First Five Saturdays Devotion

BACKGROUND:

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady appeared to Sr. Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, in the following way:

"See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary."

Jesus then appeared to Sr. Lucia on May 29-30, 1930, and gave her the reason behind the five Saturdays devotion. It is because there are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

First: Offenses against the Immaculate Conception.

Second: Offenses against Our Lady's Perpetual Virginity.

Third: Offenses against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind.

Fourth: Those who seek publicly to implant, in the hearts of children, indifference, disrespect, and even hatred of their Immaculate Mother.

Fifth: Insults directly against her sacred images.

To make this devotion, for five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, and with the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are asked to:

1 - Go to Confession (may be 8 days before or after, if you are in a state of grace)

2 - Receive Holy Communion (can be received at a Sunday evening anticipatory Mass)

3 - Pray five decades of the Rosary

4 - Keep our Blessed Mother company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.



For more information: <https://americaneedsfatima.org/prayers/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion>